

RECORD.

and General Interests of Lake of the Woods

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THE MATHER SETTLEMENT

It is not without hesitation that we approach this question, lest our criticisms will not be appreciated and what we may say may be regarded as being written in a capricious party spirit. We deem it necessary, however, in the general

interests of this district that public

ment should be voiced in relation to the reported terms of settlement of the lease of the islands in the Lake of the Woods to the Kewatin Land Co. The terms of the lease in the first place were indefensible from a public point of view, and have been the cause of much dissatisfaction. Doubtless some of the conditions which have been inserted to the injury of individuals were secured from the Government without their being properly understood. There has been a complete consummation of the Kewatin Land Co. for their intended exercise of the full rights of ownership by the lease. It was accomplished by the backing up of the Government. They had obtained the lease free. They had obtained the land so it must be assumed without cost, and, for such has never been bargained against them, and as a result of business they had the right of making the best bargain they could. The blame belongs to the Government of the day for giving a timber lease with almost exclusive priority rights. It is a shame to have such much better business proposition of the Government giving their full rights to the very same people, but it is nothing more than the nature to do as they did. The leading spirits of the company are far-sighted enough to know that the more finally they fix the conditions of their lease, the greater they could make in any negotiations for cancelling it. That they have made an exceedingly large sum appears evident from what are said to be the terms they are secured from the Government. Besides other compensation the Kewatin Land Co. are reported to have secured the proprietary right in the whole of the Lake of the Woods in consideration of spending \$200,000 in developing its water power in three years, and the ownership of one share of land to every acre so they have crept on the lands in the vicinity of Kewatin and Coney Island, including the whole of Sandy Beach, our greatest fishery ground. Nothing has been done at compensating these who are the real claimants of portions of the Lake of the Woods, and Coney Island, and inference is that they will be paid. It is said the Co. had no claim to Tunnel Island, as it is really selected by them for their site. But that fact can give no equitable or other right, as it went elsewhere and located.

SIR, HECTOR LANGEVIN RE-
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They had made important errors in September when tenders were called and Sturges & O'Hanley were the lowest, but the chief inspector said their tender was too low and they were accordingly asked to increase it. They refused and were thrown their tenders back and forth until they authorized the acceptance of the tender of Farber, Connolly & Sir. Hecox then quoted exactly the statistics given by the engineer in the contract of that work. It was then found that they had underbitten and advanced that tender to the point that an additional \$200,000 would be necessary to complete the work. Sir Hecox assumed to the committee that the contractor had agreed to this condition that no additional money be given to the contractors. With this the plant taken over by the contractor and Hecox was asked to draw up a contract and to guarantee a minimum of the work to be paid by contractors. He submitted the committee, however, that \$200,000 in a year would be impossible and that it was impossible to get the contractor to agree to that. He said that he (Hecox) had frequent interviews with him (Sturges) about the contract. Sir Hecox testified that the only person that was that of a friend. Thomas Sturges was the person when he said that he was the engineer. He said another cause for the loss of the Ontario railway. Sir Hecox said that Murphy was not

As Others See Us

He has just received the notice of the Wagon Horse and of the Portage by Mr. James Weidman, the original proprietor of the Wagon. The Reform is spicy, witty, and in every respect a credit to its editor, and we hope it will prove as liberal a sheet from the business men of the district as will Mr. Weidman for the energy and expense necessary to publishing a paper so entirely devoted to the varied interests of the two towns. Rat Portage is a town of the future, and Weidman, in his announcement to the Wagon, expresses in no uncertain terms his preference for the general policy of the Conservative party, but his characteristic independence is not likely to be found in his management. We wish the Wagon to prosper, and we wish the Portage to prosper. Qu'Appelle, N.W. Progress.

Mr. J. Weidman, formerly editor and proprietor of the Qu'Appelle Wagon, has handed out with a new daily paper at Rat Portage called the Wagon Horse for Monday and Tuesday. We wish the Wagon to prosper and the Wagon Horse to prosper, but do not enter upon an explanation of the Portage, for he was the author of the first periodical published in this western Dominion. Reform, Wagon, Wagon Horse, Portage.

The Wagon Horse, a journal devoted to the interests of the Portage, Keewatin and Norway, was first published last month. It is hearty and full of beneficial local and district news. Wagon, Wagon Horse, Portage.

The Wagon Horse is published by Mr. Weidman, the former editor of Qu'Appelle. The paper is of a standard is well printed and full of interesting news.

"The Saratoga of the West."

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